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SUBJ: RHODESIAN CONFERENCE: NKOMO SURFACES A RHODESIAN
"LEAK"

1. THE NKOMO DELEGATION CIRCULATED TO THE PRESS ON
NOV 1 A SUMMARY OF A STATEMENT WHICH THEY SAY WAS MADE
IN SALISBURY BY SUTTON-PRICE, A SENIOR RHODESIAN OFFICIAL ON
OCTOBER 7, 1976.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE RHODESIA FRONT DO NOT AGREE THAT DR KISSINGER'S
SOLUTION TO RHODESIA'S PROBLEMS IS THE BEST.

THE COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN AFRICA IS GROWING AND AMERICA
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IS WORRIED ABOUT THE SADDLE FORMED ACROSS AFRICA.

AMERICA MUST REACT OR LOSE BY DEFAULT. SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA THE PLUMS OF AFRICA ... RAW MATERIALS, CAPE SEA ROUE, DEVELOPMENT.

AMERICAN CANNOT SUPPORT RHODESIA WITH A WHILE MINORITY GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF WORLD OPINION. IF AN ACCEPTABLE GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA, WOULD SUPPORT THIS COUNTRY WITH EVERYTHING TO COMBAT COMMUNISM EXCEPT TROOPS.

VORSTER IS THE BAD GUY. THE REASON FOR THE F.F. FAILURE WAS BECAUSE OF PRESSURE PUT ON RHODESIA.

DOLS 60 MILLION EXPORTS IN THE PEPELINE AND DOLS 100 MILLION BE DECEMBER. WITHOUT THESE EXPORTS MOVING, GOVERNMENT COULD NOT SUPPORT AN AGRICULTURAL CROP NEXT YEAR.

50 PERCENT OF THE RHODESIAN DEFENCE BILL WAS PAID BY S. AFRICA UP UNTIL JUNE. A REPLY HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN SINCE THEN AS TO WHETHER THEY WOULD SUPPORT IT FOR A FURTHER YEAR. THERE HAS BEEN A DELAY ON WAR ITEMS FOR AS LONG AS 2 1/2 YEARS.

THE RAILWAY SYSTEM IS MOVING VERY FEW GOODS-REPORTED CONGESTION. THE BORDER WAS CLOSED OVER THE PERIOD OF THE KISSINGER TALKS 1 - 4 DAYS. FUREL SUPPLY DOWN TO 19.6 DAYS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO PROVE THSES FACTS AS WE CANNOT AFFORD TO ANTAGONISE SOUTH AFRICA BY EXPOSING HER.

THE PRIME MINISTER HAD CONSIDERED APPEALING TO THE S. AFRICAN PUBLIC OVER VORSTER'S HEAD, BUT DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THEY HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ACCEPT THE KISSINGER PACKAGE DEAL.

SAYING NO WOULD HAVE MEANT FIGHTING A REAR GUARD ACTION TO BEIT BRIDGE. THEY HAD DONE THE RESPONSIBLE THING IN ACCEPTING THE DEAL.

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KISSINGER DEAL: SET UP AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND WOULD HAVE TWO YEARS TO SORT OUT THE CONSTITUTION, AFTER WHICH MAJORITY RULE. NOT SEEN AS ONE MAN ONE VOTE. AMERICA UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEM BETTER THAN THE U.K.

PARLIAMENT WOULD GO INTO RECESS AND NOT BE DISSOLVED. IF THE AGREED CONSITUTION WAS LIKED AFTER TWO YEARS, PARLIAMENT COULD REJECT IT.

AT WORST WE WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO FIGHT THE WAR THAN AT PRESENT. WE WOULD HAVE ... 2 YEARS TRADING ON AN OPEN MARKET. REVIVE THE ECONOMY WITH THE TWO BILLION DEVELOPMENT FUND. TWO YEARS TO BUILD UP ARMS AND WAR MATERIALS AND THE ARMED FORCES. THE MARKET FOR RECRUITING INTO THE FORCES WOULD BE WIDENED.

R.F. STILL STANDS FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL RACES, CIVILISED STANDARDS STABLE GOVERNMENT, PERMANENT HOMES AND MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER.

TWO BILLION DEVELOPMENT FUND SET UP TO TRY TO KEEP THE WHITES HERE, ON A SLIDING SCALE. END TEXT.

3. WE HAVE NO WAY OF VERIFYING THE DOCUMENT'S LEGITIMACY. IT IS CIRCULATING WIDELY IN GENEVA. NKOMO IS CITING SUTTON-PRICE'S ASSERTION OF THE PRESENT RHODESIAN PARLIAMENT'S ABILITY TO REJECT A CONSTITUTION AS AN EXAMPLE OF RHODESIAN DUPLICITY. THIS POINT IS AN OBVIOUS DISTORTION OF THE FIVE POINTS. THE DOCUMENT ALSO EXPOSES RHODESIAN WEAKNESSES IN AN UNFORTUNATE FASHION.CATTO

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